5th Annual Gathering of Women of the Word
"You are Called"
September 20, 2014
Living Word Lutheran Church-Alexandria, MN

Isaiah 43:1 "But now o Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel listen to the one who formed you, do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name and you are mine.

Minutes

1. Registration began at 9:00 a.m. Coffee, muffins and doughnuts were served in worship center provided by Fahlun Lutheran Church and Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Nelson, Wang Lutheran Church of Maynard, and ladies of Living Word Lutheran Church.
2. Gathering music was given by the Alexienne Chorus of Alexandria
3. Welcome was given by Carolyn Moeller, Living Word Lutheran Church WOW President
4. Worship service with communion was held at 10:00 a.m. led by Pastor A.J. Kluver of Living Word Lutheran Church, Alexandria. Pastor Julie Smith of St. John's Lutheran in Springfield gave the sermon based on our theme verse. An offering was taken. The total for the offering was $2,794.00 The offering will be given to the Ethiopian Mission.
5. Pr. Tom Christenson, the Augustana District Service Coordinator for South Dakota greeted the gathering and gave a presentation on "Augustana District 101". The Augustana District is about theology, Church and Mission. It is a resource for churches.
6. Marian Thorston called the business meeting of Women of the Word -Augustana District to order. A motion was made and seconded to approve the secretary's minutes from the 2013 Annual Gathering. A motion was also made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report.
Marion Thorston introduced the new nominees for the Augustana District WOW Board. These nominees are Paula Leske from Christ The King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN, Sherri Brindle from Hosanna Lutheran Church, Watertown SD, Carlotta Lindeman from St. John's Lutheran Church, Springfield, MN. Marian Thorston called for more nominations, there being none, Paula, Sherri and Carlotta were elected to the board. Helen Hoftiezer and Linda Anderson have completed their board terms.
Discussion was held regarding Policy Statement changes and these will be reviewed at the October board meeting.
7. Table prayer and a delicious box lunch was then served.
8. Pastor Julie Smith gave the presentation Time Management. We can not manage time but we can manage our activities.
8. The Ethiopian Mission Trip was presented by Helen Hoftiezer, Mary Fuchs, and Pr. Tom Christenson. The Augustana district is reaching around the world to Hawassa, Ethiopia. These are a people who want more Jesus. The presenters shared that these people are on fire to spread the gospel. As the Holy Spirit is leading this congregation may we in Augustana District be challenged to assist with this 'Great Commission.'
9. Installation of Officers was held: Pr. Tim Christenson conducted the installation service: Installed as officers were-June Kallhoff, Judy Lalim, Beverly Tellefsen, Carolyn Fiskness, Sherri Brindle, Paula Leske, Carlotta Lindeman, and Marion Thorston who will act as advisor this next year.
8. June Kallhoff, Coordinator, introduced the theme for next years' Gathering which will be 'Peace" and will be held at Living Word Living Church, Milbank, SD. The closing hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" was sung.

Submitted by,
Cindy Lerohl, Secretary
Women of the Word-Augustana District

Women of the Word - Augustana District March 2014 - March 2015
Treasurer's Report

March 2014 Balance $ 2515.05

Income

Offering	$ 2824.00
WOW	250.00
Registration (109 reg.)	2180.00
Boutique	309.00
	$ 5,563.00

Expenses

Pastor Julie Smith - Speaker	$ 100.00
St John Church - Julie Smith Mileage	143.00
Living Word Luth. Church Catered lunch	1,465.55
Augustana District Ethiopia proj.	2824.00
Augustana District Boutique	309.00
Nancy Anderson - pianist	50.00
Alexicanne Chorus	75.00
Cindy Lerohl - printing	248.75
Audrey Knallenberg Badges	33.99
	$ 5,249.29

Balance	$ 2,515.05
Income	5,563.00
Expenses	5,249.29

Balance $ 2,828.76 March 2015